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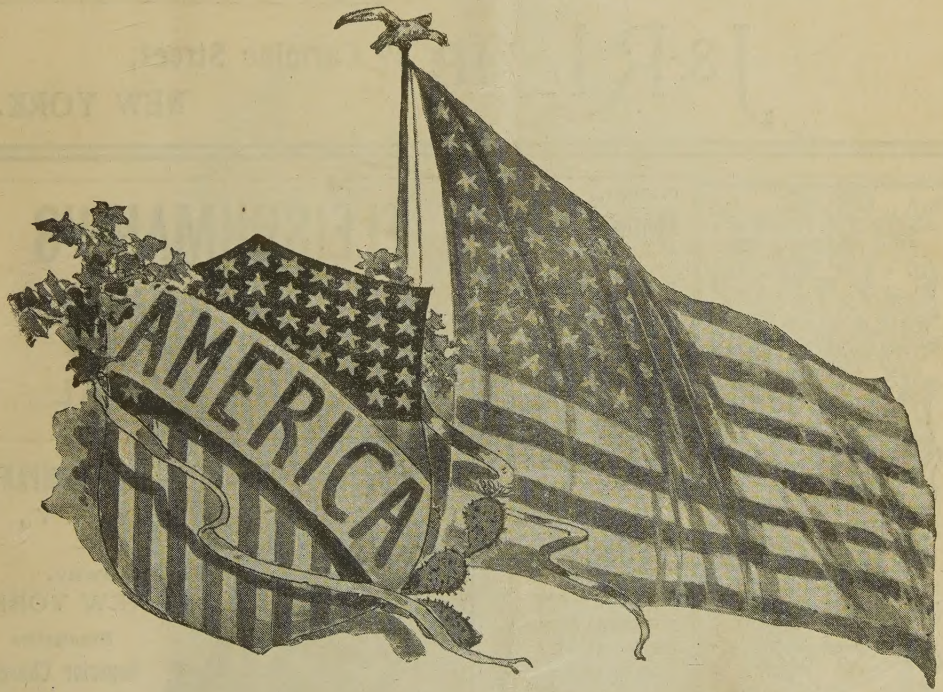

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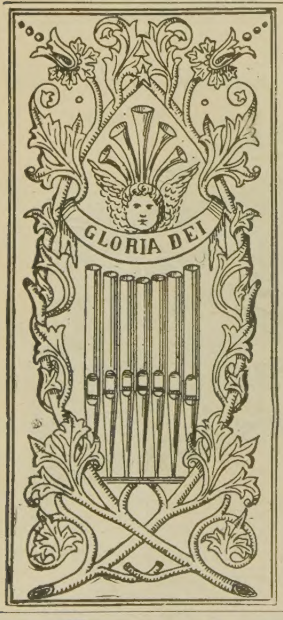

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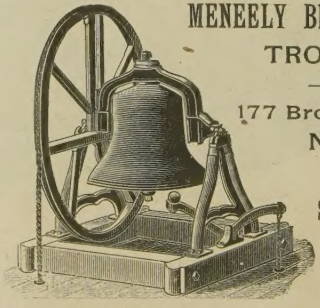

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Prince Bismarck

Literary Digest.

FROM THE LATEST PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN 1896

PRINCE BISMARCK, the "Iron Chancellor," the builder of the German Empire, died on July 30, at Friedrichsruh, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. His death has removed the most conspicuous figure of European political life.

Whenever we turned to survey the Old World his stalwart form loomed up towering aloft—the greatest of the empire he had made so great. No public career since Napoleon's had seen such a succession of epoch making events—Austria humbled, Denmark and France dismembered, and Prussia, from a weak, petty State, advanced to the head of the greatest military power of the day.

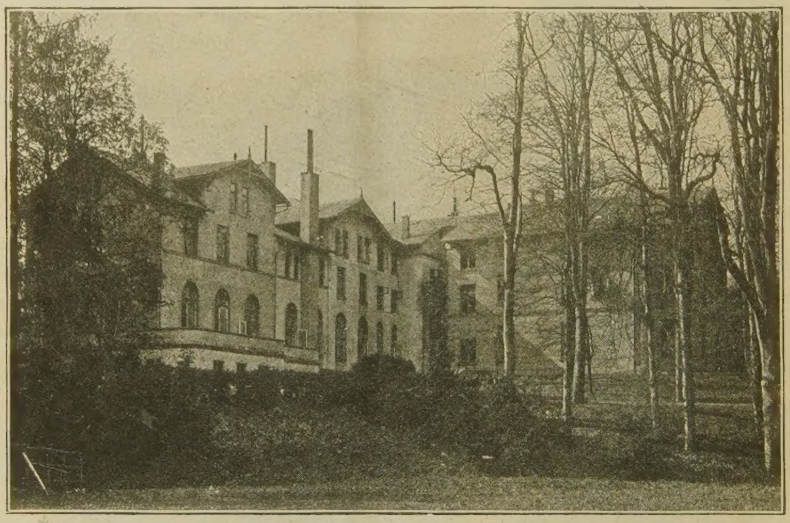
His works are too recent to permit of an estimate of his eventual place in history. His principles and motives have yet to bear the scrutiny and leavening influence of years before judgment be entered. What he stood for cannot be questioned—patroitism to Germany and devotion to the monarchial principle. His devotion to the Fatherland amounted to almost a religion, and he was more royal than the king himself.

Early in his career the humiliating position of Prussia as a foible and toy for her more powerful neighbors was impressed on him, and thenceforth his purpose was the unification of the German States into an empire that should rank with the powers of the earth. Did he foresee the awful conflicts necessary to gain this end? Probably not, but Prussia's preparedness when the gauntlet was thrown which determined the outcome was attributed to his foresight.

As an expert in statecraft he exhibited powers unequaled by his contemporaries, while as a diplomat kings and nations unwittingly did his bidding. He was a strong character, stern, fearless, energetic, persistent, with unshakable convictions and an indomitable will.

One thing that would have been a subject for comment in a far inferior man was his religion. It may sound strangely, but in his way he was as deep and sincere a Christain as Gladstone. The man of "blood and iron" is not often considered in the light of a disciple of Christ. Yet he had no misgivings on this score, and a closer examination of his life shows many instances where he confessed a very living faith.

"I live a life of great activity," he declared on one occasion, "and occupy a lucrative post, but all this could offer me no inducement to live one day longer did I not believe in God and in a better future.',



Literary Digest BISMARK'S CASTLE AT FRIEDRICHSRUH

It has been said of him that he conquered the world by despising it as much as any hermit of the Middle Ages. The keynote of many of his most famous utterances was Luther's plea—"We should not depend upon this world and come to regard it as our home." In 1870 he wrote: "I firmly believe in a life after death. Were I not a staunch Christian, did I not stand upon the miraculous basis of religion, you would not have possessed a federal chancellor in my person."

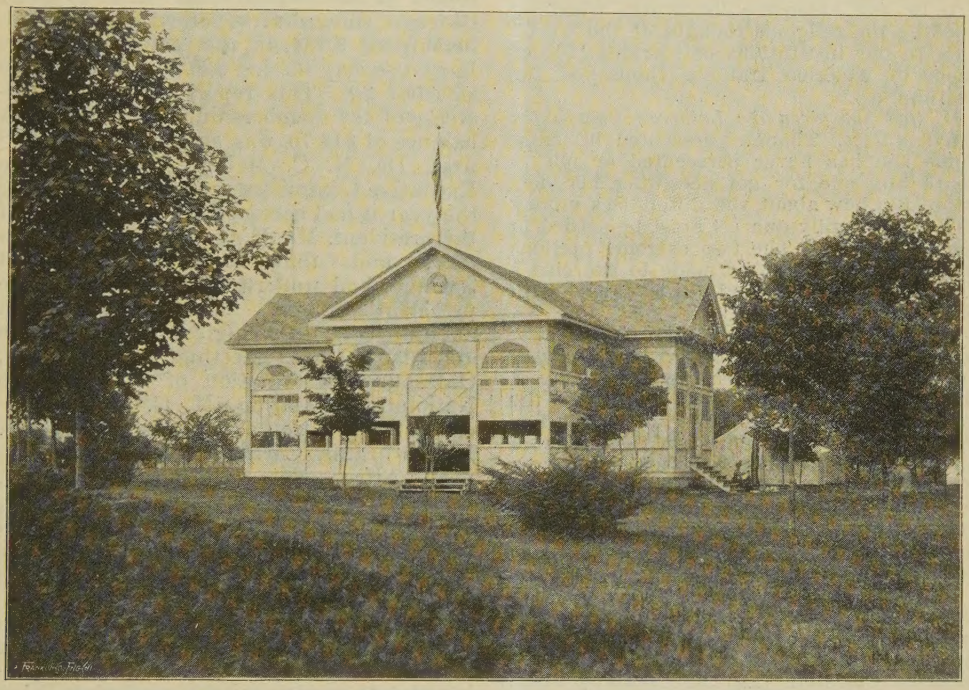
His character was perhaps best summed up in the certificate of Doctor of Divinity conferred upon him by the University of Giessen—"The great, unique man, who never wearies, never loses courage and fears no one but God." That was Otto Edouard Leopold von Bismarck as he appeared to the German character.

Luther League of Illinois

Fourth Convention, Dixon, July 25, 26

By Vesta E. Severinghaus

THE fourth annual convention of the Luther League of Illinois was held July 25 and 26, 1898, at Dixon, in the beautiful Rock River Assembly Park, and was voted the most delightful convention ever held. If each meeting proves itself so much superior to all previous ones it must necessarily show one of two things—either that the later ones approach the ideal or that the earlier meetings were lacking in some respects. We are pleased to consider the former the case.



THE NEW CHAUTAUQUA HALL, ROCK RIVER ASSEMBLY, DIXON, ILLS.
Where Sessions of the Convention were held

The convention was called to order by the Rev. M. F. Troxell, D.D., of Springfield, chairman of the Executive Committee, on Monday evening. After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. H. Blanke of Davenport, Iowa, Mr. Thos. Clayton of Dixon in a few well chosen words extended a cordial welcome to Luther Leaguers and members of young people's societies, saying in part :

Fellow-Christian workers, it is my pleasant duty to welcome you, in behalf of our society, to our city and to this pleasant resort where recreation and this series of meetings can be enjoyed as at scarcely any other place. We welcome you as friends, that by our conversation and association with each other we may each carry home some nobler thought, some purer motive and some higher aspiration.

We welcome you as Lutherans, because we believe this is the field in which we can do the best work.

We welcome you as Leaguers because from these addresses, discussions and exchanges of ideas each one may carry home with him some new thought to be incorporated into his life and the life of his society.

To this Dr. Troxell responded in a most happy manner. The convention sermon was delivered by Rev. H. L. Yarger, D.D., field secretary of the General Synod. Board of Church Extension, from the text: " For God hath not given us the spirit of fear ; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."—II Timothy, 1, 2.

These words while addressed to Timothy express the attitude of the Lutheran Church in America to-day. We have a tremendous responsibility in the work of molding the

millions of our own people for American citizenship and Christian service. "God has not given us the spirit of fear." We fear to break from old customs, and fear to undertake new work, as though we were inferior to young people in other communions. We must make our opportunity, if it does not come to us. Fear is dishonoring to God.

I. *God has given the Lutheran Church power.* Electricity was created before Adam, but it took a Franklin to reveal it to man. Oh, for a Lutheran Franklin to reveal our power to us! This power is seen—

(a) In our great numbers—nearly equal to the combined force of other Protestants.

(b) In our extensive literature, which is molding the religious thought of the world.

(c) In our institutions of learning, 100 of them in America training thousands for usefulness.

II. *God has given the Lutheran Church the spirit of love.* Though persecuted in many lands she has never persecuted or put to death any one for not accepting her doctrine. But how about the differences among us? This family quarrel must be settled in the same spirit. The two extreme factions in our Church must be made to exercise a love that tolerates and deals fairly with brethern.

III. *God has given the Lutheran Church a sound mind or clear judgment.* The glory of our Church is in her clear understanding of the plan of salvation. Such a grasp on the Word of God has no other denomination. We have the loving Christ in the center of all our teaching, hence "Justification by Faith" becomes naturally the central doctrine of all. For this we must stand against the work-righteousness of Rome, or modern teachers who make salvation depend on our feelings.

IV. *The duty growing out of these gifts of God.* "Stir up the gift that is in thee." Use every possible means to develop our young people to give to this country a correct ideal of Christian faith and activity. God had certainly a wise purpose in sending the millions of Lutherans into this land. It was to plant a strong enduring faith here. As to the ability of our young people God has written a wonderful prophecy. Let us then "come not to destroy, but to fulfill." With the good beginning already made, may the Lord enthuse our young people to go until the whole great host is brought into line.

A delightful social hour with the Dixon societies as host brought the friends to a reluctant adjournment.

Second Session

The first half hour of the second session was occupied with a devotional service led by Miss Sophie Andrus, Dixon. First Vice-President Springer, who had been acting president since the resignation of Mr. Hogland in March, then declared the convention formally opened for business. The secretary's minutes of the Rockford convention of 1897 were read and adopted. First, in reports of officers' work, was that of the acting president. After reference to his brief term of office and congratulating the League on its good work in spite of adverse circumstances, three very important recommendations were made—appointment of a statistical secretary, standing Transportation Committee, and, third, that presidents of local societies be *ex-officio* delegates to the State conventions in addition to those provided for by the constitution. The report of the secretary, Mr. C. J. Driever, Chicago, showed 47 societies, with a membership of 2,784, in the State League, the largest society having 220 enrolled and the smallest 20. This report showed an increase of 462 members during the year. A balance of $14.70 was shown by the treasurer, Dr. N. C. Meling, Chicago. The Executive Committee reported that during the year it had accepted the resignation of the president, Mr. F. G. Hogland of Rockford, and that First Vice-President Springer had undertaken the duties of the president's office. The chairman then appointed the following committees: Time and Place of Next Meeting, A. C. Carlson, Galesburg; Nomination of Delegates to National Convention, M. C. Olson, Chicago; Nomination of Officers, Rev. Dr. J. M. Ruthrauff, Carthage; President's Report, Alfred Ness, Chicago; Auditing, Ludwig Swenson, Chicago; Resolutions, J. B. Oakleaf, Moline. In order that all interested might know of the proceedings reporters for the various Church papers were appointed. All other matters of business were made a special order for the afternoon and the programme of the morning was taken up. An excellent paper, opening the discussion on the subject "What Can Lutheran Young People Do for Their Church and Pastor?" was then read by Mr. M. C. Olson, Chicago, general secretary Luther League of America. Many took part in the discussion. Mr. Olson said in part:

In the first place there should be an earnest desire in the heart to help our Church and pastor as much as possible. It should be made a matter of much prayer by every young Christian in the Church.

There must be a *desire* to *do* before we can hope to accomplish anything. Volunteering to help the pastor, without good intentions, is idle; there is lacking that spirit of life and enthusiasm which should permeate the mind and soul of every one who wishes to serve the Master; for it should be remembered that, when you are helping your

church and pastor you are doing the work of the Lord.

Help your church by attending services regularly and punctually. If you are entertaining friends, bring your visitors with you, and then, when you have entered the church, help your pastor by taking a front seat.

Help your church and pastor by abstaining from adverse criticism. It will help both immensely, and at the same time enable you to secure a greater blessing, besides fulfilling the injunction to "be kindly affectioned one to another."

Help your church by contributing regularly; whether the contribution be large or small, let it be made with a willing heart; the blessing will be the same.

In a word, purpose in your heart that "whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," and you will not be seeking how you can help your church and pastor.

Let the standard of Christian zeal and usefulness be carried well up in the front; let us rally around the banner of the Cross —and who has ever rallied around an ensign fairer or more glorious than that?—and then when we shall have finished the fight and won the victory, and find ourselves marching into the city of Life and Love, we shall hear from the lips of our Commander-in-Chief the blessed words: "Well done, enter thou in, to the joy of thy Lord."

Miss Hedwig Traner of Rockford then read a most interesting paper, "Know No Discouragement." It is a matter of regret that only a small part of this very excellent paper can be presented here :

Any effort that is put forth need not and will not meet with a failure, not if those interested will not get discouraged but keep on working both in rain and sunshine. The Luther League is a comparatively new movement, and in attempting to accomplish its great mission it is not surprising that many discouragements should be met with, but adversity may often prove a blessing; therefore when adversiity does come we should not become discouraged, but should be spurred on to work all the harder, knowing that by courage and perseverance we will gain the victory. Time will develop the League, and make of it a body strong enough to meet any foe.

As a suitable close to a programme of such excellence, presented in a newly built Chautauqua hall surrounded by charming scenery such as abounds in the Rock River district, was the scholarly address of J. B. Oakleaf of Moline, with the subject "Earth, Man's Palace."

When God had created the earth He fully realized the magnitude of His creation. He then created man to have dominion thereover. When we speak about the earth we refer more particularly to that part with which we are acquainted, and which we prefer to inhabit. . . . In order to make this earth a palace, which God intended it should be, we must be contented with our domicile, and, if not satisfied, it is our duty to search for that particular nook upon this earth which God intended we should occupy, and, when found, to possess it as the children of old did Canaan. . . . This earth is indeed man's palace, and we cannot wonder at David's exclamation: "What is man, that Thou art mindful of him, or the son of man, that Thou visited him?" I can see David standing on the plain, looking up into the heavens, with its countless stars, set in the dark, deep blue of that eastern sky, and as he beholds the beauties and the magnitude of God's handiwork he speaks out of the fullness of his heart. . . . Our time here is but the twinkling of the eye when compared with eternity, and this earth is but a speck when compared with the beauties of the heaven which God, in His infinite wisdom, has prepared for His children. . . . You will find people all about you who are pessimists of the very narrowest type, who are continually harping about this wicked world, and that it is growing worse.

"This world is not as bad a world as some would like to make it,
Though whether good or whether bad depends on how we take it,
For if we scold and fret all day, from dewy morn till even,
This world will not afford to man a foretaste here of Heaven."

God meant that this palace should be a foretaste of heaven. It depends upon our own efforts, work, thoughts and associations, if this world shall be to us the palace which God intended. This earth is intended by God as the vestibule of heaven, or a place which we shall occupy in eternity, and what we make this vestibule will be a foretaste of our dwelling-place when this life is ended. . . . To have sunshine in the next world, you must impart sunshine in this. To be great in the next world, you must humble yourself in this, to give those about you that attention and companionship which God intended that you should give, and which you owe to your neighbors. An ounce of "Love your neighbor as yourself" will be returned to you many fold. We must punctuate our lives with noble acts and deeds, and let our lives be such that no eulogy need be spoken over our bier, and that our life's history may be read correctly and to our benefit by the coming generation. Let our actions be such that our life will be fitted for the glories of heaven. Carlyle has said: "Man's actions are of infinite moment to him, for they never die or end at all. Man, with his little life, reaches upward as high as heaven, downward as low as hell, and in his threescore years and ten of time he holds an

eternity which is fearfully and wonderfully hidden." We can know what this eternity will be in the manner in which we occupy this palace. . . . If any one says he cannot see how I can call this earth a palace, I would ask him to accompany me to the Hudson, and as we sailed up that beautiful stream, and viewed the glories on either side, I would ask him: "Do you know why I call this a palace?" If his answer be negative, I would ask him to accompany me to Wisconsin, and, as we steamed up the Wisconsin River, and viewed its beautiful dells, and if I saw it made no impression upon him, I should ask him to accompany me across the Atlantic. I would go up to the most northern point of Norway, and as we would stand there upon that northern point to view the glories of the midnight sun, so beautifully described by Corelli, I should ask him: "Do you know now why I call this earth man's palace?" And if he still would answer in the negative, I would tell him that he is a stranger in a strange land, and that he is not worthy to remain in this domicile if he does not use the faculties which God has given him in the way which He intended the we should.

Third Session

The afternoon session was called to order promptly at 1.30 and reports called for. The report of the Credential Committee showed an attendance of 60 or more delegates from 30 different societies. The committee to nominate delegates to represent the Luther League of Illinois at the National Convention to be held in New York in October suggested the following: J. B. Oakleaf, Esq., Moline; Rev. M. F. Troxell, D.D., Springfield; Rev. J. N. Kildahl, Chicago; Rev. G. K. Stark, Galesburg; Rev. Robt. Neumann, Pittsfield; Miss Vesta E. Severinghaus, Chicago; Miss Hedwig Traner, Rockford; M. C. Olson, Chicago; Adolph Larson, Jr., Chicago; T. W. Saveland, Chicago.

Alternates: Frank Bartholomew, F. S. Springer, Rev. A. Oftedahl, K. T. Anderson, H. W. Theiss, Miss Nellie Quales, Miss Selma Sanders, Rev. C. M. Weswig, Dr. N. C. Meling, Rev. Wm. Evans.

The Committee on President's Report considered favorably all recommendations made in the same. Among other resolutions suitable to the occasion reported by that committee was the following telegram, which was adopted by a rising vote with a burst of patriotism expressed by the hearty singing of "America."

To the Hon. Wm. McKinley, President United States of America, Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C.:

The Luther League of Illinois, in convention assembled, at Dixon, July 26, 1898, does hereby express its hearty approval of the noble and Christian position which you have taken in wisely pursuing a course that we trust will bring liberty to the oppressed Cubans and honor to our land and our God.

C. J. DRIEVER, Sec'y.

The Nominating Committee then presented the following for office, and the same were elected by ballot of the secretary:

Pres., Frank S. Springer, Springfield.

First vice-pres., S. H. Holstad, Chicago.

Second vice-pres., Miss Anna Geisenheimer, Dixon.

Sec., K. T. Anderson, Rock Island.

Treas., Herman Theiss, Beardstown.

Executive Committee: Rev. G. K. Stark, Galesburg; Rev. A. T. Clay, Ph.D., Chicago; Miss Vesta E. Severinghaus, Chicago.

Mr. J. B. Oakleaf then extended a hearty invitation to the League to meet at Rock Island for the convention of 1899, the invitation being indorsed by the Tri-City Central Luther League and individual societies of Moline, Rock Island and Davenport.

Mr. E. F. Eilert of New York, president of the Luther League of America, was then introduced, and after expressing his pleasure at being permitted to meet with the Luther League of Illinois, he spoke of the coming national convention and urged every Lutheran Young People's Society of Illinois and of the West to be represented by delegates.

It was decided that every effort should be made to secure a large delegation from Illinois, and that friends might arrange to travel together, the Pennsylvania Railroad was made the official route, with date and time of selected train to be announced as soon as possible.

The programme for the afternoon was then opened by a paper on junior work by Miss Vesta E. Severinghaus. The special points presented in this were: A junior society is the place for preparation for duties of church members, especially preparatory to confirmation; it should be the place where children are taught how to study the Bible in a practical way and how to express their wants in prayer; simple, homelike talks on practical topics and the thought that their church needs them and their services. A plea was also made for a supply of pure literature interesting in character to supplant the omnipresent detective story. After readings from the interesting journals of Miss Anna Sanford, missionary in India, by Miss Ida Schultz, Chicago, the remainder of the afternoon was devoted to the Lutheran educational institutions of Illinois; Lutheran

College, Ottawa, Prof. C. O. Solberg ; The Luther League and Lutheran Education ; Carthage College, President J. M. Ruthrauff, D.D.; The Church College and Her Young People ; Augustana College, J. B. Oakleaf ; Chicago Theological Seminary, Our Second Opportunity, Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D.

Fourth Session

The newly elected president presided at the closing session, and after devotional services and several delightful musical selections the president of the National League, Mr. E. F. Eilert of New York, delivered a very impressive convention address, which was in part as follows :

The topic of the day is WAR. The theme of the hour is War. The great thought of all our people is War. In the mad rush of newspapers and of the public generally for the latest news from the front, the Church for the time being seems to be obscured, and our people appear to be interested in nothing but the great struggle in which our nation is engaged.

While this may be true superficially, still underneath it all we can see God's hand. It is His guiding and directing influence that leads all.

From our noble President down to the humblest sailor and soldier, to all, the finger of God seems to point the way.

Was there ever a people that should be more thankful than we ? Thankful that God has given us a Christian man as our Chief Executive, and made it possible for us to be the means of relieving a down-trodden and persecuted race in their great needs. Thankful for the grand officers in our cause, a Captain Philip, who instead of a cheer for a victory, asks his men to bow their heads in silent prayer. Thanks for our Army, who when in the midst of a struggle are heard singing " Rock of Ages." Oh, what power, what strength, what oportunities !

But while the Church appears to be obscured, is it really so ? Does not its light shine through it all, and is not its influence being felt throughout the nation ? Is it not the leavening influence of our Christian men and women at the front that is doing its effective work ?

One of the general secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. at Camp Alger, at Chickamauga Park, while in New York on a furlough last week remarked to me that the greater number of men in the camp were Christians, and that as soon as they pitched the Y. M. C. A. tent in a regiment a change was immediately apparent, even to such an extent that the officers would remark: " What a decided change in the discipline of the regiment since the Y. M. C. A. tent has gone up." Not only the Christian boys, but others are making use of the tents, and the power for good it is exerting cannot be estimated.

But it is not alone the grand work of the Y. M. C. A. that is responsible for this. It is the seed that has been sown in the churches and in the Young People's Socities of all denominations; in our Luther Leagues and other societies of our own Lutheran Church.

This has not been of recent origin, however. It has been growing steadily. It is the spirit of the *age*—the *Missionary Age* of the latter half of the nineteenth century.

When was there such spiritual prosperity as there is to-day ? When was there so much giving of self and of our means for the cause of Christ ? We have come to the point (at least many have come to it, not all) when we are willing to sacrifice all for the *Church*, for our *Country* and for *Humanity*.

It has been this sacrificing spirit that has built up the Christian Church; for this have we been blessed, for a blessing was, and is, bound to come where such feeling and action exist.

The Church of to-day, though divided, is witnessing in nearly all denominations a feeling of tolerance, of friendliness and of love that has never before existed.

But while our prayers, our sympathy and our aid go forth to all brethren alike, we cannot help but look a little closer and see what the Church of the matchless Augsburg Confession, our own Lutheran Church, is doing in this great struggle for right, for it is not the first time she has been engaged in warfare in the cause of Justice.

We find that among the heroes that have fallen are to be counted those of our own number. It was a member of the Luther League that was destined to be the first to sacrifice his life before Santiago. And among the number who have given their services to their country we count scores, yea, hundreds of her ministers and men.

They say the Lutheran Church is old fogyish, is slow and out of date, but when our country calls she is ever ready to follow, as our forefathers did a *Gustavus Adolphus* and a *Muhlenberg*.

Speaking of the Church he urged greater Lutheran consciousness, and said all should be ready, at any time, to say, "I am a Lutheran," and be ever ready to give a reason for that faith, remembering that without Luther's Open Bible, which made possible this free land of ours, we would not think as much of the glorious Stars and Stripes as we do to-day.

Rev. H. M. Bannen had charge of the quiet half hour that marked the closing of the convention, and many earnest words were spoken by the clergymen present, concluding with the benediction and subdued, heartfelt singing " God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

A Ministering Angel

By Lenroc

"Papa, when is Sister ——— coming to see us again? You know who I mean. What do you call her? You remember she staid with mamma all the time she was sick, took such good care of her, and nursed her so well that you and Dr. ——— said she was an angel."

"Oh! You mean the Deaconess. Yes, God bless her, she was truly an angel. But why do you ask, my child? There is no one sick and mamma is quite well again."

"I know there is no one sick," said little Edna, for that was the name of the child, "but the other day I found mamma crying as if she would break her heart, and when I asked her what was the matter she would not tell me. Then I remembered that while Sister ——— was here mamma never cried, everything was so pleasant and all of us were so happy. I don't see why it can't be so now, and I thought maybe if Sister ——— would come back again mamma would stop crying and things would be different."

The man's eyes filled with tears, for just then thoughts of frequent ill temper on his part toward his wife shot through his mind and made him feel thoroughly ashamed of himself. And it was worse that his child, his only child, should unconsciously tell him of it. He remembered then—ah! too well—how happy his home had been during Sister ———'s stay, how kind, gentle and loving he had been to his family—and now what a change. He had forgotten the good work of the Sister and was fast returning to his former self, slowly but surely, and he felt also that unless he brought this way of living to an abrupt close there was nothing but ruin ahead of him. He went to God in prayer, morning, noon and night, at his place of business, anywhere, everywhere. He felt his prayers were answered and his memory traveled back to the time of the Sister's stay at his home. How she sat, morning after morning, evening after evening, and read from that precious Book words of comfort, words of cheer. Then her voice was heard in prayer and in song, seemingly transforming the hot, stuffy bedroom to the beautiful outside, where all is sunshine, birds are singing and the pure, fresh air a balm for the troubled soul.

"Edna," said he to his bright, smiling sunbeam on the following Sunday morning, "papa will go with you to Sunday school." The bright little face grew brighter in an instant, for the child noticed the change, and rushing to him threw her arms around his neck, kissed him fondly, while the tears trickled down both faces for joy—pure, unadulterated joy. The mother looked on with a heart full to overflowing—she, too, was shedding tears, but not the same kind as related above, but tears of joy, and a silent prayer went up to the Almighty, thanking Him for the wonderful work wrought in so short a time.

The two, father and child, went hand in hand to the Sunday school, and the hour so pleasantly begun at home was continued, and another, and then both went up into the church, where the mother joined them. It was the beginning of a new life for the father and he felt it, and felt happy with it. The services ended, the minister preached, strange to say, on the Deaconess and her work, and the way those three pairs of ears, three pairs of eyes and three mouths drank in every word was more than gratifying to the minister, who simply told the beautiful story in a plain and practical way. There was not a dry eye in the church. The sermon ended, the congregation, led by the choir, sang that grand old hymn, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and the singing of it was from the heart.

The collection that day was for the benefit of the Deaconess work, and as the plate was passed in front of Edna's father a bright, new, crisp $100 bill was dropped in—and who can say aught but that it came from a grateful heart?

That evening, after Edna had gone to bed, having sung herself to sleep, father and mother sat hand in hand for a long time. They talked of their early childhood days, the Christian training given them by father and mother, and last, but not least, of the day just spent, and as he kissed his wife good night said, "And to think I objected at first to the Deaconess coming to nurse you—objected because I thought it looked too Romish. I was blind, but now I see. God bless the Deaconess and her work." "Amen!" responded the mother. "And let us pray God that Edna may be guided by His hand and some day become a Deaconess."

— "The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to the nation bringing forth the fruits thereof"—and this God has done with Spain.

First German Church

WHAT is pronounced as the oldest, the first German Lutheran Church in America, is the old Falkner Church, at New Hanover, Montgomery County, Pa., where a congregation existed with its own pastor and services were held as early as 1703.

The late Dr. Mann, in an article relating to this church, says :

A few years before (1703) missionaries or pastors had been sent from Sweden to the Swedes on the Delaware and Schuylkill, and in the surrounding country, where the people had been sadly neglected in spiritual things. These missionaries discovered that in the beginning of the previous century German immigrants had founded their home not far from the Swedish settlement Molatton (in the neighborhood of Douglassville). A very large territory had been purchased by the Frankfort A. M. Land Company, one of many such companies gotten up at that time for the purposes of speculation, and they sold small tracts of land to immigrants desiring to settle upon it. The agent of the Frankfort Land Company here was Daniel Falkner. With him, employed in the same manner, was his brother Justus. It is possible that Daniel had studied theology. We know positively that he afterward performed ministerial acts, as a clergyman, on the Hudson. It is certain that his brother Justus had prepared himself for the ministry, but, like Jonah of old, had no great fondness for preaching, and so came to America. But now the three Swedish pastors, Rudmann, Bjœrk and Sandel, in their work among the Swedes at Molatton, became aware of the German settlers in and around what is now New Hanover, and saw that they were

OLD FALKNER CHURCH, NEW HANOVER, PA.

living without any pastoral care. Making the acquaintance of Justus Falkner, and recognizing his ability to enter the ministry, they encouraged him to do so, for the sake of his German countrymen, and prevailed upon him to receive ordination from them, Rudmann being their chief pastor or overseer. This he did in 1703, and entered upon the work in New Hanover. Unfortunately this did not last long, for soon after we find Justus Falkner serving the Dutch Lutheran congregation on the Hudson ; and even allowing that he first went there only temporarily, on a visit, he did not in any case serve the German Lutherans in New Hanover for any length of time, but went over to the Dutch Lutherans in the Province of New York, being master of their language as well as of German.

Still he founded the first German Lutheran congregation in the New World, as an ordained and regularly installed pastor, and served them at least for a time. How far the congregation was organized, whether it had elders and deacons, and how many, it is impossible for us to determine, but a certain order was always maintained. A long period of rest followed, during which the population of the whole country round about increased rapidly through immigration. The venerable patriarch of the Lutheran Church in this land, H. M. Muhlenberg, preached his first sermon in Pennsylvania in the church at New Hanover. On Thursday, November 25, 1742, he arrived in Philadelphia, having passed through Charleston, after leaving Eben-Ezer and the Lutheran refugees from Salzburg there. A man named Philip Brandt, from New Hanover, made his acquaintance on the same day and carried him off without delay, reaching New Hanover late in the following night, after a very fatiguing journey. On Sunday, November 28, being the first Sunday in Advent, Muhlenberg preached there. He found a small wooden church, already the second on the same spot, for in 1719 a church was standing there, or was built very shortly afterward. Even the one in which Muhlenberg now preached required considerable restoration. In 1768 it gave place to the stone building, which still stands.

Our Soldiers and Our Missionaries

Our newspapers—daily, weekly and religious—are full of praise for the brilliant work of our army and navy, and this is merited. Honor to whom honor is due we should always be willing to give. While we are praising and delighting in the exploits of our soldiers, let us not forget the soldiers of the Cross, many of whom are laboring under difficulties, privations and great discouragements for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom both at home and abroad. They certainly deserve praise for their heroism in giving up so much of what we call the comforts of life to teach the unsearchable riches, but let us not forget that they are human, that they need assistance and encouragement, and that we at home, no matter what our situation or circumstances, should bear them in our hearts and in our prayers. After the death of a man or woman it is customary to say much in eulogy of the work done by that person, and we are reminded of the story of a minister who labored faithfully among the poorer classes in a neglected section of a large city. His work was little known except to his brethren, and when he, worn out by his arduous labors, died, they gathered in a memorial meeting and spoke of his excellent qualities, one after another referring to different characteristics which endeared him to others and which were valuable in his work. As the meeting was closing a lady arose in the rear of the church and said : " Why did you not tell William these things in his lifetime ? They would have been helpful to him." His widow, for she it was, well knew how despondent he became at times, and how much a little praise would have cheered and helped him in his trying work.

—Do you find it " too hot " to go to church ? Some people do who find it cool enough to take a spin on the " wheel," or a stroll through the park, or a visit to some distant neighbor. These tiresome excuses! It is never too hot for most healthy people to go whithersoever their affections lead them. It is when our hearts are cold that we find the church too warm.—*Selected.*

Wisdom does not show itself so much in precept as in life: in a firmness of mind and a mastery of appetite. It teaches us to do, as well as to talk; and to make our actions and words all of a color.—*Seneca.*

Old Glory's Birthplace

NEVER was there such a feeling of love and admiration for the Stars and Stripes as at the present time. This is evidenced by the large number of flags displayed from houses, stores, factories and all sorts of buildings throughout the country. On one's travels across the country we see Old Glory floating everywhere. It seems appropriate, therefore, that we should know of the birthplace of the American flag, and it is a pleasure to present on this page, through the kindness of the *Watchword*, a picture of the Betsey Ross House where the first American flag was made.

THE BETSEY ROSS HOUSE
The Birthplace of the American Flag

It is a quaint little building on Arch street, Philadelphia, crowded between large business houses. The front room is now occupied by a tobacco store, but just back of it in a room about 12 x 18 feet in size it is said the first American flag was made by Betsey Ross 121 years ago. The building is more than a century and a half old, and the furnishings of this room give evidence that it belongs to a time not our own.

The story of the making of the flag by the deft needlewoman in her Arch street home is that Washington, with Colonel Ross and Robert Morris, constituting a committee of Congress, called on her at her home. Washington drew a rough design to serve her as a guide in making the banner.

On Saturday, June 14, the Congress resolved: "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be the thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

In his circular of instruction to the principals of the public schools, says the *Philadelphia Bulletin*, Dr. Edward Brooks, superintendent of schools, wrote: "The evidence that Betsey Ross made the sample flag seems entirely authentic; and so acceptable was her work that she was commissioned to make a number more. Her uncle, Colonel Ross, is said to have provided her with the means to procure the necessary material; and there is a record of an order on the Treasury in May, 1777, 'to Elizabeth Ross for fourteen pounds, twelve shillings and two pence for making ship's colors' for the fleet in the Delaware River. Betsey Ross' maiden name was Griscom. After the death of Mr. Ross she married a Mr. Ashburn, who died a prisoner of war in the Mill Prison, England; subsequently she married John Claypole, a lineal descendant of Oliver Cromwell. Mrs. Ross' first husband was the nephew of Col. George Ross, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The grave of Betsey Ross is in Mount Moriah Cemetery. A simple headstone marks her resting place."

Brave Paul Jones was the first to fly the

flag on a fighting ship. It was he who bore the flag when it received its first salute in France.

Brandywine's battleground is said by many to have been the first place in which the formally adopted red, white and blue inspired the Continentals and got its baptism of blood.

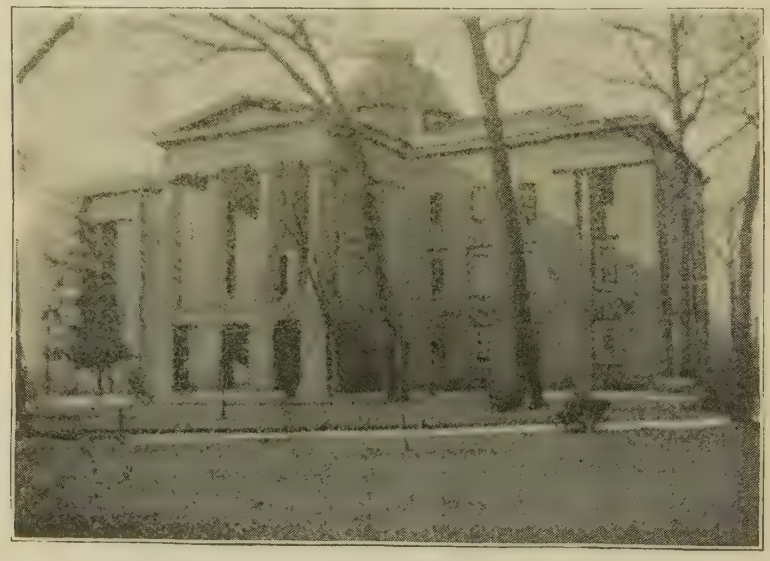
"Old Glory," the popular name by which our flag is known, is believed to have originated with Mr. E. P. Day, a wealthy citizen of Brooklyn, who wrote a song by that title which was first sung at the celebration of Independence Day in a country village in New York over 50 years ago.

North Carolina's State Capitol

State Capitol Series. No. 6

Engraving kindly loaned by the Washington (D. C.) *Evening Star*

The State capitol of North Carolina, at Raleigh, is modeled after the Parthenon at Athens, and is situated in a park. It was completed in 1840, at a cost of $540,684.15, and is built of stone quarried just outside the city limits of Raleigh. The structure is three stories in hight, with a length of 160 feet and a width of 140 feet. The apex of the pediment is 64 feet high and the columns of the east and west porticos are over 5 feet in diameter. The description is taken from notes furnished by David Paton, architect, and the picture is from Cyrus Thompson, Secretary of State.



STATE CAPITOL AT RALEIGH

—When a person is thoroughly interested, says the *Lutheran Standard*, it is simply marvelous what can be accomplished. The thousands who are going to Klondike for gold, through hardships, and at an immense cost, and at the risk of life, are an illustration of this fact. If the way to eternal happiness required such sacrifices and such risks, how many of those same people would be on the way? The Church is built on the narrow way, the way that ends in happiness, and how many will not travel that way because it costs too much, and requires too much precious time? Eternity has not been thought of, they are not living with eternity in view, but eternity will be the eternal present after this life, then what? O that people were wiser and more in earnest in spiritual matters!

Christian Endeavor Convention

THE seventeenth convention of the International Christian Endeavor Society was held at Nashville, Tenn., July 6 to 11.

While the convention this year was the smallest in numbers in several years, it is said that in many ways it far exceeded its predecessors. It is impossible to give any extended account of the meeting further than that a splendid programme was carried out in all its details.

The session in which our young people are particularly interested is the Lutheran Rally, held on Friday morning, July 8, in the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. C. F. Bergner, pastor. The secretary of the National Lutheran C. E. Union, Rev. E. Lee Fleck, has kindly sent us the following account: Rev. D. F. Garland of Taneytown, Md., president, presided. The Luther League had nicely decorated the church, which was also headquarters for Georgia and the Floating Societies. Pastor Bergner extended cordial welcome, to which Rev. C. H. Butler, first vice-president, responded. Rev. Dr. Rhodes, the trustee of the General Society, made an address on "Money and the Kingdom," and afterward distributed among the pastors present copies of his tract on "Scriptural Giving."

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, NASHVILLE

Where Lutheran Rally was held

Rev. J. K. Rizer of Shipman, Ill., brought regrets from Rev. M. F. Troxell, D.D., who was to speak on "Personal Work for Souls." Brother Rizer took his place.

Under the head of business Rev. J. W. Kapp, D.D., of Richmond, Ind., and Rev. S. J. McDowell of Friesburg, N. J., were appointed a committee on nominations.

Rev. E. Lee Fleck of Dayton, Ohio., presented his report, stating that no attempt had been made to gather statistics, but that the societies in the union were generally in good condition. He stated further that very few societies had responded to the call for the annual contribution. The matter of statistics and money was discussed, and by vote it was decided that every year not later than May 1 a request should be made of the societies for both, the details to be left to the secretary.

The Nominating Committee made the following report, which was adopted: Pres., Rev. M. F. Troxell, D.D., Springfield, Ill.; vice-pres., Rev. John E. Weidley, Pittsburgh, Pa.; sec., Rev. E. Lee Fleck, Dayton, Ohio (re-elected); treas., Mr. Wm. Reidel, York, Pa.

Rev. John E. Wiedley then spoke on "The Secret Power in Service," which is the entire surrender of self to Christ. An open parliament was held on "Points of Excellence and Elements of Weakness in the Work of Our Societies." Mr. G. W. Lubke, president of St. Louis Endeavor Union, was on the programme for an address on "Our Young People: Their Opportunity and Duty," but could not be present.

How to Rouse a Sleeping Society

Open the shutters and let the morning sunshine in on it. Start up the sounds of busy labor and disturb its slumbers. Find out what put the society to sleep and do the opposite thing. Our five senses go to sleep one at a time, and wake up in reverse order; so ascertain what one of the society's senses went to sleep last, and wake that up first.—*Exchange.*

Our Boys in the Army and Navy

THE suggestion made in the last issue that the names of our Lutheran young men who are serving their country in the war with Spain be sent to the editor has been noted by some, but the list herewith presented hardly gives a small percentage of those who are at the front.

From the replies received we are able to give the following :

Lieut. Fred Bohlig, 71st Regt., N. Y. V. (Santiago), Atonement, N. Y. City. Priv. Chas. A. Anger, 12th Regt., N. Y. V. (Chickamauga), St. Mark's, N. Y. City. Priv. Edw. Kumke, 71st Regt., N. Y. V. (Santiago), St. John's, N. Y. City. Priv. W. P. Petry, 9th Regt., N. Y. V. (Chickamauga), St. John's, N. Y. City. Priv. Michael Muller, 7th U. S. Artillery (Fort Slocum), St. John's, N. Y. City. Priv. Arnold Geisman, 71st Regt., N. Y. V. (Santiago), St. James, N. Y. City. Priv. Fred'k Meyer, 71st Regt., N. Y. V. (Santiago), Bethany, N. Y. City. Sergt. William Johnes, 71st Regt., N. Y. V. (Santiago), Bethany, N. Y. City. Priv. Oswin Hueltner, 12th Regt., N. Y. V. (Chickamauga), St. Peter's, N. Y. City. Priv. Alfred Buenckhoff, 10th Batt. of Albany, St. John's, Albany, N. Y. Priv. John G. Miller, 3d Regt., N. Y. V. (Camp Alger), Reformation, Rochester, N. Y. William B. Zimmer, Rochester Naval Reserves (Norfolk, Va.), Reformation, Rochester, N. Y. Priv. George Behringer, 12th Regt., N. Y. V. (Chickamauga), son of Rev. G. F. Behringer, D.D., Nyack, N. Y. Priv. Chas. Behringer, 12th Regt., N. Y. V. (Chickamauga), son of Rev. G. F. Behringer, D.D., Nyack, N. Y. Priv. B. Frank Ewald, —— Regt., Penn. Vol., St. Michael's, Philadelphia. Lieut. C. E. Lewig, 4th Regt., Penn. Vol. (Porto Rico), St. John's, Columbia. Sergt. J. T. Simpson, 4th Regt., Penn. Vol. (Porto Rico), St. John's, Columbia. Priv. L. C. Simpson, 4th Regt., Penn. Vol. (Porto Rico), St. John's, Columbia. Priv. Albert Roberts, 4th Regt., Penn. Vol. (Porto Rico), St. John's, Columbia. Priv. Edward Collins, 4th Regt., Penn. Vol. (Porto Rico), St. John's, Columbia. Priv. Charles Schlingmann, 9th Regt., Penn. Vol., St. John's, Wilkes-Barre. Priv. Joseph Schlingmann, 9th Regt., Penn. Vol., St. John's, Wilkes-Barre. Priv. Fred Reutelhuber, 9th Regt., Penn. Vol., St. John's, Wilkes-Barre. Priv. William Vose, 9th Regt., Penn. Vol., St. John's, Wilkes-Barre. Corp. W. F. Beitsch, 10th Regt., Penn. Vol. (Manila), Trinity, New Brighton. Priv. W. D. Nicholas, 21st U. S. Infantry (Fort McPherson, Ga.), St. John's, Easton, Pa. Priv. Harry E. Cope, 10th Regt., Penn. Vol. (Manila), Zion's, Greensburg. Priv. Henry C. Funk, 17th Regt., Penn. Vol. (Fort Mott, N. J.), Zion's, Greensburg. Priv. Louis Bessler, 16th Regt., Penn. Vol., Lutheran Church, Oil City. Priv. J. G. P. Lammit, 1st Regt., Tenn. Vol. (Camp Merritt, San Francisco), First Church, Nashville.

LEAGUERS KILLED

The name of Corp. George L. Immen, Seventy-first New York Volunteers, of St. James' Church, New York City, is the only one reported to us of those who were killed. Mr. Immen, as noted in the last number, was the first soldier to fall at Santiago.

LUTHERAN CHAPLAINS

Rev. I. N. Kieffer of Wooster, Ohio, who died at Camp Alger, June 22. Rev. W. F. Rick, Williamsport, Pa. Rev. J. F. Hartmann, D.D., Altoona, Pa. Rev. C. J. Broadey, Scranton, Miss. Rev. F. Eppling, Algona, Wis.

Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Camp Chickamauga Park, Henry Seifert, St. Mark's, N. Y. City.

There are doubtless others whose names should be added to this list.

Music for the Convention

One of the interesting features of the programme for the rally meeting of the National Convention of delegates at Carnegie Hall on October 20, 1898, will be the music. This has been left to the Luther League Choral Union of New York City. It is their intention to have a mixed chorus of about 250 selected voices, in which all who are capable are invited to take part.

Several choirs outside of New York City have already volunteered their services, and this announcement is made to any others that may be likewise inclined to lend their assistance and co-operation. Any choir, society or individual expressing a willingness to sing with this grand chorus will be cheerfully accepted and supplied in advance with music and proper directions free of charge. Such intention should be sent by mail to the secretary, Miss Henrietta Gerken, 43 West 113th street, New York, or be made in person at any of the regular rehearsals. The music to be sung will be :

"Fest Gesang," - - Mendelssohn.
Cantata—91st Psalm - - - Becker.
150th Psalm - - - - - - Franck.
(First presentation in this country.)

The first rehearsals, beginning September 12, will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 123d street near Seventh avenue, until some definite arrangements can be decided upon for a hall more centrally located, such as Carnegie Hall. There will be only seven or eight rehearsals before the convention and those wishing to join are requested to attend the first meeting on September 12.

Luther League of America

Third Convention, in New York City, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 18, 19 and 20, 1898

Call for Third Convention of the Luther League of America

The Third Convention of the Luther League of America will be held in New York City, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 18, 19 and 20, 1898. Any society, of whatever name, connected with a Lutheran congregation or Lutheran institution of learning, is entitled to one delegate, each district association to three delegates, and each State or Territorial organization to ten delegates.

This call urges all Lutheran societies, of whatever name, and however synodically related, to send their full quota of delegates to this third convention. It is only through united effort, and the determination of each Leauge to contribute its share, that the convention will be a full success.

For information regarding hotel, transportation and other local arrangements address Mr. Geo. D. Boschen, chairman Ways and Means Committee, P. O. Box 876, New York City.

MARTIN C. OLSON, General Secretary,
260 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL.

—A recent trip to the West attending the Illinois State convention at Dixon and the District League meeting at Chicago gave proof of the great interest that is taken by our members of that section of the country in the coming National Convention. Illinois is sure to be well represented and Chicago expects to arrange for a special car to convey the delegates from that point. Our conversation with friends located in the States of Kansas and Iowa, as well as correspondence with some in Nebraska and Minnesota, indicates a live interest and the hopes are expressed that these great Western States among the others may have their full quota of delegates.

— If these States in the far West show such a marked interest there is no valid reason for any League or society in the East not being represented. We therefore expect every Lutheran young people's organization in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia surely to send delegates, and every State south of the District of Columbia, as well as Ohio and west of it, will not be found wanting. Take time by the forelock and select the person you want to represent you now, or if you have suspended meetings for the summer then do so at the first opportunity. Don't delay. Act at once. Credentials will be furnished shortly and can be filled out and mailed to the proper official.

— The Committee on Transportation has made it possible for every Lutheran in this country to attend the convention in New York City at the rate of a fare and one-third for the round trip, with possibly one exception—*i.e.*, the Southwestern Passenger Bureau, covering the State of Texas, is the only passenger association that has not granted this rate. If there are any delegates from the State of Texas, as we hope there will be, let them buy a ticket to the territory of the Western Passenger Association or the Southeastern Passenger Association and then purchase a ticket and get proper convention certificate to New York City. Further particulars on this point or any other question will gladly be furnished by the chairman of the Transportation Committee, J. F. Dinkey, treasurer of Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad, Rochester, N. Y.

— As previously announced, the business sessions of the convention will be held in Holy Trinity Church, Rev. C. Armand Miller, pastor, in West Twenty-first street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, where all delegates will report on Monday evening, October 17, or Tuesday morning, October 18. The opening session of the convention will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Full particulars as to how to reach Holy Trinity Church from the various railroads coming into New York City will be given in the next number. Also a list of hotels, boarding houses, restaurants and other information of a general character to guide the delegates attending the convention. Any special information desired may be had by addressing the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Geo. D. Boschen, P. O. Box 876, New York City.

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Editorial

"Willing givers" are needed now, when the demands of the Church are so urgent. A plate of ice cream or some other edible should not be required to induce the giving. "The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich" and "there is that that scattereth and yet increaseth" should be sufficient inducements.

Many at this season of the year are enjoying their vacations in various summer assemblies, where they hear lectures, attend instructions and enjoy entertainments. Cannot some of the information thus received be stored up and used to advantage during the winter in our various meetings, Church and League?

When a man stumbles and falls many are ready to help him down, forgetting that all mankind alike is liable to err and to fall into similar, or possibly worse, difficulties. The tongue is ready to help along a charge against one who has been active in benevolent or religious work. Let us be charitable and speak kindly of the faults of others, and thereby, if possible, help the offenders to a better course of living.

Faithfulness to God and fearlessness in the performance of duty are the lessons which we have been studying recently in the Sunday schools of our Church, and they are good lessons for us as Leaguers to learn. A man who stands up for the right, regardless of consequences, is honored alike by all men, whether they agree with him or not.

The war with Spain has developed through this country a widespread belief in an overruling Providence. In the past there has been a tendency to trust in the good common sense of the American people and the bravery of our soldiers. Now the universal feeling is succinctly expressed by "Fighting Bob" Evans, when he ascribed the victory over Cervera and his fleet to "God and the gunners;" man's hand being subservient to the Lord's.

Reports from the various army camps indicate a great desire among the soldiers for religious instruction. Whenever services are held it is said that the boys attend in large numbers. There is an eager demand for copies of the Bible and the New Testament, and much time is given to the reading of these. It is said that only one out of every five of the men who enlisted was supplied with a copy of the Scriptures, and that nearly every man in the Government service has been furnished with the Word.

The great question agitating the American people is, How shall we best develop the resources of our new possessions acquired by our victorious war? When we read the interesting discussions and articles on this question in the various papers and periodicals we are constantly reminded of another great question — namely, How can the Lutheran Church best develop her immense resources? That they are wonderful is patent to all. All the more striking is the indifference on the

part of many. Undoubtedly many young Lutherans need to be aroused to an earnest and intense interest in these resources of our Church, resources which if developed must easily make her the strongest denomination in America. It is one of the objects of the League to awaken us and keep us awake to this great question. We urge it, therefore, upon the members of the League to take the work of the League seriously and to "magnify their office" in regarding the work of the League and their obligations to it as a paramount duty to which they shall be faithful under any and all conditions.

Speaking of this faithfulness reminds us of those words which the great Bismarck requested should be inscribed upon his tomb. How many of us League members are taking our duty to the King in our League work so earnestly that we could conscientiously write at the close of our life that we had been faithful servants of the King? Again, let it be urged upon all members to take the League work seriously, not as a pastime, but as a high and holy calling, and an open and effectual door to further the glorious work of the Lutheran Church in America.

Some Lutheran Sunday schools give to the scholars who leave the city a special envelope in which to place their regular Sunday offerings, this envelope to be returned in the fall. The plan is a most excellent one, as it keeps the school and its interests before them during the vacation days. While all are enjoying during the long summer days the manifold gifts of God we ought not to forget this Sunday offering. As a special thank offering at the close of the delightful summer vacation a gift to the cause of missions would be very opportune. How many will act on this suggestion?

There ought to be a "Tenth Legion" among Lutheran young people who are willing to give one-tenth of their income to the Lord's Treasury. If the young Lutherans would learn the lesson of giving that one-tenth to the Lord then all the financial questions in our churches, charitable, educational and mission institutions would soon be settled. Our Lutheran laymen certainly need to be educated to give more freely for all our Church work. If the present generation of young Lutherans will accustom themselves to give the one-tenth, the next generation will behold wondrous results in every department of the Church's activities.

In drawing up his will every Lutheran ought to make some bequest to his church. If it cannot be a large bequest that is no reason why he should make none at all. Many small sums would soon aggregate large amounts.

A British army chaplain asked the Duke of Wellington, so the story goes, if he thought it worth while to preach the Gospel to the Hindoos. The great general asked: "What are your marching orders?" The chaplain answered: "'Go ye into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.'" "Then follow your marching orders," said the man of discipline. "Your duty is to obey."

A poor Japanese woman came to a Christian teacher and begged her to care for a ragged, forlorn child, saying: "Please do take the little baby. Your God is the only God that teaches us to be good to little children."

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I congratulate you on the beautiful number of the REVIEW. It is a paper that we may be proud of for the Church.

WILL S. LOUCKS, Scottdale, Pa.

The last number of the REVIEW is a gem. I think it is now the neatest paper of its kind published. To assist I inclose herewith $2. Please credit me with four yearly subscriptions.

FRANK L. BROWN, Norristown, Pa.

The REVIEW, in its new dress, is all that can be desired, just the proper size, and last but best, more Luther League literature, more rich Lutheran food for the young Lutheran as well as the old, who cannot help but take to it. My very best wishes for the REVIEW.

J. F. DINKEY, Rochester, N. Y.

The new form of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW is a decided improvement over the old. The paper is admirable in its make up, and I trust will improve constantly in its circulation.

REV. LUTHER M. KUHNS, Omaha, Neb.

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The management of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW deserve hearty congratulations for its progressive spirit and excellent judgment. The REVIEW is a journal in which all Lutherans should take a just pride, and it should receive liberal and substantial encouragement. The new form in which it appears makes it still more convenient and attractive. We hope to greatly increase its circulation in Ohio within the present year. May the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and the cause it represents continue to prosper by the grace of God.

MARVIN W. LUTZ, Canton, Ohio.

I wish to congratulate you on the splendid appearance of the REVIEW this month. May it continue to grow in atractiveness and doing good. Inclosed find 50 cents for renewal of my subscription.

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Permit me to congratulate you on the happy change in form of LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. I feel as if the subscribers to the paper ought to make some acknowledgment of endeavors done to please them and to widen the scope of their paper's usefulness, and inclose hereby 25 cents, hoping *every* subscriber will do thus little, just to show their appreciation.

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REV. W. L. HUNTON, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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MEMORIAL WINDOWS.

Our Churches and Institutions

IN SOME OF THE CITIES

New York City

—On July 3 St. Paul's congregation, Rev. G. H. Tappert, pastor, laid the corner-stone of its new church. Rev. H. Hoffmann preached in German and Rev. J. A. W. Haas in English. Until a short time ago St. Paul's congregation worshiped in a small frame building on 150th street, near Robbins avenue. This has been sold, and a large, handsome church is being built. For the present only the basement, the Sunday school and the parsonage will be finished.

—The ordination of Candidate Paul Besig, the pastor of the newly organized St. Luke's Church, at Harrison avenue, Van Nest, New York City, occurred on July 3 in St. John's Church, Morrisania, Rev. H. Bliderbecke, pastor, and was conducted by the president of the New York Ministerium, Rev. A. Richter.

—The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Swedish Immigrant Home was held on July 11. Rev. G. Nelsenius was re-elected president, Rev. M. Stolpe vice-president, Mr. D. Blomquist secretary, and Mr. C. H. Peterson treasurer. The receipts for the year had been $9,954.76.

—On June 26 Mr. A. G. Steup, son of Rev. H. C. Steup, pastor of St. John's Church, East 119th street, was ordained by his father, with the assistance of Rev. J. H. Sieker and A. Beyer. He has been called as assistant pastor of St. John's Church.

Brooklyn

—The first service in the interest of another new English Lutheran church was held by Rev. H. E. Clare in Rochester Avenue Congregational Church on Sunday evening, July 24. The new work began with great promise, and it is hoped it will soon be a self sustaining church in that district of the city.

Philadelphia

—Ground has been broken for the new building of the Church of the Nativity, corner Tioga and Seventeenth streets. This is the rear part of the church that is to be, and measures about 50 x 60 feet. It is to have a basement for the Sunday school and an upper room as sanctuary.

—The corner-stone of the new Holy Cross German church, Rev. W. R. M. Oeser, pastor, was laid on the afternoon of July 24 with impressive ceremonies. The Scripture lessons were read by Rev. E. H. Pohle, president of the Philadelphia German Conference.

Trenton

Rev. W. E. Apple of Gettysburg Seminary has taken charge of the Hillcress Mission.

Rochester

—On the evening of June 26 Rev. Henry C. Erbes was installed pastor of Trinity Church by Rev. W. E. Murray of Grace Church and Rev. Wm. J. Miller of the Church of the Reformation.

Buffalo

—Rev. T. W. Kretschmann, Ph.D., was recently installed as pastor of the Church of the Atonement, by Rev. F. A. Kaehler, president of the English Conference, assisted by Rev. W. J. Miller of Rochester.

Milwaukee

—The silver jubilee of Rev. W. K. Frick's ministry was celebrated in the Church of the Redeemer on June 12. Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus. D., preached the sermon.

NEW YORK STATE

—Rev. E. A. Ottman of Guilderland Center, N. Y., has accepted a call to Ghent, N. Y., and began his work there Aug. 1.

—The sixty-eighth annual convention of the Hartwick Synod will convene in the First Church, West Sandlake, N. Y., Rev. M. G. Boyer, D.D., pastor, beginning Aug. 31, 1898.

—Rev. Walter Miller, recently of Manorton, N. Y., entered upon his work as pastor of Grace Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on Sunday, July 17.

The tenth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Weaver of the Gilead Church, Centre Brunswick, occurred on June 30, when an address was delivered by Rev. G. M. Heindel, D.D., of Albany.

—It is reported that Rev. J. H. Asbeck, pastor of Zion's Church, Niagara Falls, N. Y., has resigned. Rev. Asbeck has been pastor of this church for nine years, during which time he has built a handsome new church and introduced English in the Sunday school and some of the services of the church. The Young People's Society is the largest of any congregation in Niagara County.

PENNSYLVANIA

—St. Peter's, Scranton, Rev. J. W. Randolph, pastor, celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of its organization July 18-20. Rev. S. Laird, D.D., Philadelphia; Rev. J. J. Heischmann, D.D., Brooklyn, and Scranton, Pittston and Wilkes-Barre pastors participated in the anniversary services.

—Rev. W. M. Rehrig, Ph.D., formerly pastor of Trinity Church, Greenville, is now located at Sayre, Pa., the extreme north of the Wilkes-Barre Conference.

—The Upper Lehigh Valley Pastoral Association will celebrate the tenth anniversary of its organization in the early fall.

—At the Pennsylvania Chautauqua, Mt. Gretna, this year were to be found among the instructors Rev. R. F. Weidner, D.D., LL.D., Rev. M. H. Richards, D.D., and Prof. G. T. Ettinger. A score of other Lutheran clergymen and many laymen were daily on the grounds of this "Mecca of Lutherans."

—St. John's Church, Phœnixville, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization with appropriate ceremonies July 24. The church is the largest and finest in town. Rev. N. H. Miller is the pastor.

—On Sunday, July 24, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sunbury was organized by Rev. J. H. Weber, D.D., pastor of Zion's Church, assisted by Rev. C. H. Brosius. The members, numbering 54, with but one exception, came from Zion's Church.

—Rev. H. L. Baugher, D.D., of Gettysburg, has declined the call to the professorship in the Southern Theological Seminary.

—Rev. J. F. Hartman, D.D., pastor of the Second Church, Altoona, and chaplain of the Fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, has resigned the latter office on account of failing health.

—Rev. C. E. Walter, for some years pastor at Hughesville, and formerly associate of Dr. Luther Albert of Germantown, has received a unanimous call to the large St. Paul's congregation at York, lately relinquished by the Rev. Dr. W. S. Freas.

—The First Church, Butler, Pa., Rev. Dr. Luther Roth, pastor, dedicated a new church building, costing $21,500, on June 26.

OHIO

—Rev. Charles K. Hunton of Ada, Ohio, has received a unanimous call to become pastor of the First English Lutheran Church of Columbus, Ohio.

—St. Paul's English Lutheran congregation of Lima, Ohio, Rev. Chas. S. Kohler, pastor, has begun the erection of a stone church. It will be the only stone church in the city, and, located one block from the Court House, will be a conspicuous Lutheran landmark.

—The First Church of Springfield has unanimously elected Rev. M. J. Firey, D.D., of Pottsville, Pa., pastor to succeed Rev. E. W. Simon. Dr. Firey was formerly pastor of this church.

—Rev. George H. Reen has resigned as pastor of St. Luke's Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

—The Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and other States will meet, D. V., from the 1st to the 7th of September, in the congregation of Rev. H. P. Dannecker, at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

—The new St. John's Church of Lake was dedicated on July 3. Rev. J. H. Smith, president of Synod, preached the sermon.

MISCELLANY

—Trinity English Lutheran Church of Elizabeth, N. J., was begun about one and a half years ago, and last summer was supplied by student Krapf of Mt. Airy Seminary. Rev. Krapf has now been called as the regular pastor.

—Rev. J. A. Morehead, of Richmond, Va., has been elected first professor of the new Lutheran Theological Seminary in the South in place of Rev. H. Louis Baugher, D.D., declined. The seminary will be located at Mt. Pleasant, S. C.

—The fourteenth annual meeting of the Icelandic Synod was held in Winnipeg, Man., June 24-29. Winnipeg may be said to be the Chicago of Canada and the Northwest Territory. It is estimated that one-tenth of the population of the city is Icelandic; the total population is about 40,000. There are at least four Lutheran churches in the city, two Icelandic, one German and one Swedish.

—The Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod South has called Rev. C. L. Brown of Graham, Va., as a missionary to Japan, to assist Rev. Peery. He will sail about Oct. 1.

—The Lutherans in Saka, Japan, organized a Lutheran congregation on Whitsunday, with usual officers. Dr. Peery is, of course, the pastor.

—Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., reports subscriptions for the "Passavant Hospital," at Pittsburg, aggregating $6,500; also a total of $242.60 for a "Workman Room" in which poor ministers or their widows may receive hospital care. The latter is to be endowed in memory of Dr. Passavant's labors as an editor.

—The Augustana Synod has thirteen congregations of more than a thousand members. Rockford, Ill., has two of them, the First Church with its 3,024, and Zion with its 1,611. Central City, Minn., has a congregation numbering 2,265; Jamestown, N. Y., one of 2,225; Immanuel, Chicago, has 1,973; the largest in Minneapolis has 1,565; Gustavus Adolphus, New York city, has 1,521; the church at Andover, Ill., has 1,312; Bethlehem, Brooklyn, has 1,244; the church at Lindsborg, Kan., 1,215; Salem, Chicago, 1,206; one at Moline, Ill., 1,169, and one in New Britain, Conn., 1,007.

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— With five German warships facing Admiral Dewey's fleet at Manila and the intentions of the German Kaiser still a matter of some doubt, the leading article presented in the *Cosmopolitan* for July will be read with interest. The forty-six portraits and poses of the Emperor William which illustrate the article are in themselves an extraordinary merit. They might be described as "The Evolution of an Emperor shown by forty-six human documents." Undoubtedly so large a number of portraits were never before gathered together of any royal or imperial personage.

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NEW YORK STATE

New York City

—The League of the Church of the Holy Trinity of New York continue the holding of devotional meetings throughout the summer. Business and social meetings have been dispensed with during July and August.

In lieu of the social meeting for June this League planned a social visit to the new English Trinity Lutheran Church at Elizabeth, N. J., on the evening of June 24. About 35 members enjoyed the hospitality of Rev. Krapf's congregation, assisted by some of the young people from the German Lutheran church. Some good singing by the Sunday school children, music by the members, greetings and an interesting talk by Rev. Waters of Newark, and other features, served to render the evening an enjoyable and profitable one. Rev. Krapf contemplates organizing a Luther League in his church this fall, and promises to bring them to the National Convention which is to meet in Holy Trinity Church.

Further visits to various Leagues of Greater New York are being looked forward to this fall and winter by Holy Trinity League.

—On July 6 the Young Men's Association of St. Matthew's Church, Rev. J. H. Sieker, pastor, celebrated its twenty-seventh anniversary. The officers are: Pres., J. C. Schlingemann; vice-pres., E. P. Reiser; rec. sec., J. Siegel; fin. sec., J. E. Fruiesen; treas., A. von Glahn, and librarian, Fred. Freuiesen.

Rhinebeck District

—The next District meeting of the Luther League, comprising the counties of Dutchess, Ulster, Columbia and Greene, will be held in Manorton, Rev. W. Miller, pastor, in November next. Mrs. J. W. Lake of Ancram is the president of the association.

Albany and Vicinity

—The Albany District League has lost a valuable officer in the resignation of Mr. Adolph C. Close, who has removed from Albany to Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Close has been president for over three years and has done more for the District League than any other member. He has spent a great deal of time and a large amount of money in corresponding with and visiting societies in our district, organizing new and stimulating others, and successfully urging many to unite with the District League, and thus bringing together our young Lutherans of the different branches of the Church. Where many would have been discouraged he worked harder, and in many cases gained by his courteous manner and conclusive arguments and persistent effort the objects desired for the welfare of the District League. We have no doubt Cleveland will afford him a new field for useful activity.

—The Y. P. S. C. E. of our church at Guilderland Centre, recently presented a beautiful Dresden clock to Rev. E. A. Ottman before his departure to a new field.

—The Y. P. S. C. E. of St. Mark's Church, Johnstown, N. Y., held its semi-annual meeting on June 13. There are at present 92 active, 19 associate and 21 honorary, making a total of 132 members. The election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., Lucien Youngs; vice-pres., Amy Moore; rec. sec., Ola Stoller; cor. sec., Anna Bennett; treas., Carrie Stoller; organists, Laura Quilhot, Bertha Zickerman.

Buffalo

—The Luther League of the Church of the Atonement presented a handsome new robe to their new pastor, Rev. T. W. Kretchmann, Ph. D., which he wore for the first time on July 3.

NEW JERSEY

—The young people of the newly organized Trinity English Church at Elizabeth, Rev. Krapf, pastor, expect to organize a Luther League next month with 25 to 30 members.

PENNSYLVANIA

Bucks, Montgomery and Chester Counties

—On Labor Day, September 5, the societies of this Central League expect to have a rally at Saratoga Park, Pottstown. It will be the first annual reunion of the Central, and invitations will be extended to all Lutheran societies in the three counties. This is the largest District League in the State, numbering 25 local Leagues and 2,323 members. Prominent Lutheran speakers will address the meeting.

—Grace Luther League of Norristown has erected a handsome and prominent church signboard on the lot adjoining the church, so that Lutheran and other visitors may readily find a home for several hours on Sunday as well as during the week. Rev. Robert D. Roeder is pastor. The church, Sunday school and League are in a flourishing condition, both in membership and finances.

York County

—Eighteen new members were recently added to the roll of the Y. P. S. C. E. in St. Matthew's Church, Rev. W. M. B. Glanding, pastor, which is in a very flourishing condition.

—The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Paul's Church, York Haven, Rev. John E. Heindel, pastor, are raising funds to purchase the new Book of Worship for the Church.

—The St. James' Endeavor Society of Gettysburg has given $10 for Foreign Missions and $15 for the support of a native worker in India.

Juniata Central

—This Central comprises the Young People's societies of the Juniata Conference of the Central Pennsylvania Synod. About 50 duly accredited delegates were present, besides a number of visitors and members of the local society, when the sessions of the second convention began in Zion's Church, Marysville, on July 19. The programme, which had been prepared with full liturgical service and hymns, was used throughout the convention. The opening address of the convention, delivered by Rev. C. Luther McConnell of Mifflinburg, on "Luther Leaguers of the Twentieth Century," was a thoughtful, timely and direct discussion of an important subject, in which he pointed out the true position and the line of duty of every young Lutheran in this age. On Wednesday morning the first session for business resulted in the election of the following officers: Pres., Rev. J. M. Axe; first vice-pres., Rev. A. J. Rudisill; second vice-pres., J. M. Young; third vice-pres., H. C. Renz; rec. sec., Miss Flo Fickes; cor. sec., Miss Kate Swan; treas., T. K. Beaver. Rev. Axe, who is the missionary of the League, supported by it, made a very gratifying report on the year's work, and proved conclusively what can be done by united effort of the young. He was followed by Mr. Levi Young with an excellent paper on "Value of Bible Study." This was a carefully prepared discussion of an important and interesting subject, and one which was only natural for discussion by a Lutheran convention. In the afternoon the subject of "Church Loyalty not Sectarianism" was discussed by Rev. A. H. Spangler, and further argued by Revs. Cressman and Diffenderfer. A number of the laymen entered heartily into the discussion of these two subjects. Miss Mae Long, A.M., read a paper on "The Young People's Meeting," in which she showed the true character of this meeting, the place it should hold in the church, being supplemental and not substitutional, and urged loyalty to the movement which brings the young into touch with their own church. "Lutheran Literature" was the subject discussed by Prof. O. C. Gortner, during which he appealed to the young people to take up this side of their church training with more zeal, read the literature of their own Church. As a result the convention recommended that its young people read the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. At the evening and closing session Rev. Dr. Hamma of Washington, D. C., delivered in his usual attractive style an address entitled "Holding Fast to Our Church." The doctor held up before us the salient points of Lutheran superiority over the other large Protestant denominations, and then with burning eloquence appealed to the young Lutherans to hold fast to them, and not to be carried away by every whim of the day and hour. The next convention will be held at Newport, Pa., in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rev. G. M. Diffenderfer, pastor.

Somerset County League

—The sixth convention of the Central League of Somerset County was held at Ursina, Pa., Rev. J. E. Zerger, pastor, Thursday, July 28. The following programme was carried out: Devotional service, Rev. J. W. Hutchinson; address of welcome, Rev. J. E. Zerger; response, Rev. M. L. Young, Ph. D.; president's address,

Prof. J. C. Speicher; discussion, "The League as a Source of New Life in the Church," Miss Nora Miller, Charles F. Uhl, Jr., Esq., Charles H. Tilp, Rev. G. W. W. Amick, Rev. B. B. Collins; discussion, "The Young Man in the Church," Prof. H. S. Rhoads, Miss Carrie Johnson, Miss Ida Speicher, James Wolfersbarger, Rev. D. Stewart Hoover; discussion, "The League as a Source of Spiritual Power," Prof. J. C. Bagley, Miss Carrie Rhoads, Mrs. Gretta Walker, Rev. E. S. Johnston, Rev. H. C. Salem; discussion, "How May the Youth be Induced to Attend the Preaching Service?" Miss Hattie Moore, Harry Hoffman, Rev. A. B. Miller, Rev. C. W. Auschutz.

Northwestern Central League

—The Central Luther League of Northwestern Pennsylvania met in St. John's Church, Revs. G. A. and C. T. Benze, pastors, August 2-4. Rev. C. Armand Miller of Holy Trinity Church, New York, spoke on "The Inspiration of Our Lutheran Heritage." Further reports next month.

—The Luther League of St. John's Church extended a largely attended reception to Rev. C. T. Benze and his bride on their return from their wedding trip. A handsome set of dining-room furniture was left as a memento of the happy occasion.

OHIO

—The fifth annual convention of the Central Luther League of the Joint Synod of Ohio, East, was held at Butler, Pa., August 9-11, in St. Mark's Church, Rev. E. Cronenwett, pastor. Report next month.

—The Endeavor Society of the Third Church, Springfield, Rev. J. J. Hill, pastor, has given $10 for the support of Rev. Kinsinger, in India.

—During the past two years the Christian Endeavor Society of the Second Church, Springfield, Rev. E. H. Dornblaser, pastor, with a membership of 65, has expended $141.72, most of which was given toward the support of Rev. Samuel C. Kinsinger, missionary in India.

—The union meetings of the Young People's societies of the Lutheran churches of Cincinnati are very interesting, a recent one in the Lutheran Church at Newport being attended by nearly 500 persons.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

—At a mass meeting of the Lutheran Young People's Union, held on July 1 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mr. A. L. Dietrick read an interesting paper upon "The Hand of God in the Present War."

IN THE SOUTH

—Miss Alice Fisher, a member of St. John's Society, Wytheville, Va., entered the Mary J. Drexel Home and Mother House of Deaconesses last October. At Easter, with other probationers, she was invested with the uniform, and intrusted with the work of a deaconess.

—At the recent dedication of a new pipe organ in the Third Church, in Louisville, Ky., the Junior Endeavor Society gave $10 and the Young People's Society gave $25 toward the amount needed to meet the full payment.

—The Luther League of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Mount Pleasant, S. C., has manifested its deep sympathy for the location of the new Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mount Pleasant by subscribing toward the fund for the purchase of lots.

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ILLINOIS

Chicago League

—The eighteenth quarterly convention of the Luther League of Chicago was held in Gethsemane Swedish Church on July 27. The usual business and interesting reports of committees preceded the regular programme of the evening, which consisted of an address by Mr. E. F. Eilert, president of the Luther League of America, who, besides giving a history of the League movement and a general idea of its work, emphasized the coming National Convention and urged a large attendance from Chicago and from the whole State of Illinois.

An excellent report of the State Convention at Dixon was presented by Mr. Adolph Larson, Jr., and Mr. M. C. Olson, general secretary of the National League, spoke of the Rock River Assembly, where the convention was held. Delegates to the National Convention are to be appointed, President S. H. Holstad to head the delegation.

Northern Illinois District

—The sessions of the Lutheran Young People's Association of Northern Illinois, which met at Lanark recently, were full of good things. The devotional services were earnest and helpful. The papers and addresses were brimful of piety and practical suggestions. The discussions were spirited and spiritual, resulting in a further development and impressment of the good that had gone before. The business was transacted as it should be—deliberately and well. Reports from the societies represented by the 60 delegates present were very encouraging. A matter of special interest to all of us was the presentation of a beautiful silk flag, edged with gold fringe, and the staff surmounted by a golden eagle. It came from the C. E. district, composed of Jo Davies, Carroll and Stephenson counties, to the Lena Society for the largest contribution per capita to missions. Lena is proud of her banner, and we are proud of Lena. Another matter which will no doubt be of interest of many was the adoption of a resolution endorsing Mr. A. E. Turner, president of Lincoln University, of Lincoln, for the position of State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Altogether, the convention was one of the best ever held, and doubtless will result in great good to our young people. Mr. J. V. Cotta of Lanark was elected president, and Miss Newcomer of Polo secretary.

—The Luther League of Christian Endeavor at Lena, Ill., gives annually the sum of $75 to the salary of Rev. W. M. Beck of the African Mission, an average of over $4.11 per member.

—The Endeavor Society of Mendon, Ill., has given $12.50 on its pledge to the support of Rev. Beck, in Muhlenberg, Africa.

—On June 17 a chapel or young people's hall, built and paid for by the young people of our congregation at Galva, Ill., was opened and presented to the congregation. Addresses were made by Revs. Aug. Johnson, J. M. Rydman and P. E. Nordgren.

MINNESOTA AND IOWA

—The Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa Central Luther League will hold its next annual convention at Austin, Minn., from Aug. 31, 7.30 p. m., to Sept. 2, 12 m. It is hoped that all the Lutheran pastors of Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa can arrange to be present. All young people's societies that are in connection with Lutheran churches in Southern Minnesota or Northern Iowa are invited to join the Central League and to send two delegates to this convention. All young people and any others interested in the Luther League work are invited to be present. All those that expect to be present will please send their names to Mr. L. F. Clausen, Austin, Minn. O. G. Belsheim, president; Sophia Stearns, secretary.

—During the pastorate of Rev. W. J. Funkey of St. Paul's Church, Ft. Madison, Iowa, a Luther League was organized which now numbers nearly 40 members.

—Rev. S. F. Telleen, of Odebolt, Iowa, expects to organize a Luther League.

IN THE WEST

—The Nebraska Luther League was to have met in August in the Lutheran Church, Beatrice, Rev. L. J. Motschmann, pastor. After correspondence with the local committee, it has been deemed advisable to postpone the convention until after the meeting of the various Nebraska synods.

—The Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition at Omaha, Neb., is now open. The grounds embrace 225 acres and are very beautiful. They are situated in the northeastern portion of the city on a high bluff overlooking the Missouri River and valley, stretching away to the vine-covered hills away on the Iowa side. The buildings, while not so large as those of the World's Fair, are more beautiful and are gems of architecture. At night the illumination presents a scene of surpassing beauty. It is certainly worth a visit to see the exhibit of the marvelous resources of the Northwest. If any of our Luther Leaguers contemplate a visit to the exposition any time during the season, I should be glad to answer any questions or furnish any information desired upon this subject. During their stay in the city I would extend them a cordial invitation to worship with us on the Lord's Day.

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—The Endeavor Society of Memorial Church, Kansas City, Mo., Rev. E. P. Scheuler, pastor, has an active membership of 38 and 8 associate members. They are doing excellent work in assisting the pastor and Sunday school.

—Rev. J. George Haefner of Lincolnville, Kan., contemplates organizing a Luther League in the near future.

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CANADA

—In connection with the meeting of the Icelandic Synod, held at Winnipeg, Man., June 24-29, the first convention of young people was held. Seventeen delegates appointed by the local Leagues were present. A constitution for a Central Synodical League was presented, and will be submitted this year to the various local Leagues for adoption, so that next year the Central will be organized. "How to Conduct the Literary and Religious Meetings of the League," was discussed by Pastors Bjarnason and Bergmann. The committee who have this matter in charge are Pastors Clemens and Sigurdson, and Messrs. Martenson and Brandson. The Luther League movement has been on the programme of the Synod for several years past. There are now seven Leagues organized in the congregations of the Synod.

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Luther League Topics

13th Week after Trinity. September 4.
(EPISTLE: IS THE LAW AGAINST THE PROMISES ?)

The Old Testament and the New.—(2 Cor. 3:4-16)

Many slight the Old Testament because of difficulties, of its opposition to pet ideas of history, philosophy or morals, of lack of appreciation, or of the wrong notion that it has no authority over the Christian, Paul, notwithstanding, to the contrary. 2 Tim. 3:16.

I. The Division into two testaments is natural, historical. It is not identical with the common division into Law and Gospel; for the New Testament unfolds law, and the Old Testament contains a preaching of repentance and of the remission of sins.

II. Bestowal.—The Old Testament was committed to the Israelitish and the New Testament to the Christian Church.

III. Relation.—They "stand to each other in relation of preparation and fulfillment, and are thus a connected dispensation of salvation. Eph. 2:12." —Oehler.

(a) A wonderful unity exists. A line of progressive revelation from Genesis to Malachi points to Christ. The Redeemer's advent is the key that unlocks the wonderful unity of revelation. Deut. 18:15, 18; Luke 24:27; John 1:45; 5:46.

(b) Yet this unity is not identity. The Old Testament points forward to a new revelation in which that which is demanded by the law and signified by its ordinances shall become a reality through divine communication of life. Deut. 30:6; Jer. 31:31-34.

(c) The New Testament emphasizes the difference. The eternal counsel of salvation is completely revealed only after its actual realization. Rom. 16:25-27; 1 Pet. 1:10-12; Eph. 1:9-12; 3:5.

Suggested Hymns (Luther League Hymnal) 14, 169, 168, 138, 136.

14th Week after Trinity. September 11.
(EPISTLE: IF LED OF THE SPIRIT, NOT UNDER THE LAW.)

The Law and the Gospel.—(Heb. 9:1 15.)

I. The Law—

(a) What is the Law ? Every Scripture revealing God's will with reference to man's life and conduct.

The moral law stands for all time, was fulfilled (Matt. 5:17), enforced (Matt. 5:18), and magnified by the Saviour.

(b) Does the Law confer life ? Luke 10:28. Can it save ? Work-righteousness, a wide-spread error. Many think that relative, or even only attempted goodness will save them.

(c) The use of the Law is: (1) Leads to a knowledge of sin. Acts 13:39; Rom. 3:20; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:9. (2) Serves to guide the regenerate man along right lines. Ps. 119:9, 105. (3) Serves to restrain the wicked from crime (1 Tim. 1:9, 10).

II. The Gospel.—"The tuition of the Law reached its goal in the grace and truth of Christ. John 1:17; Rom. 10:4; Gal. 3:24."—Oehler.

(a) It is the message of joy and peace to the contrite heart. Luke 2:14; Acts 15:31.

(b) It is a guarantee of pardon. John 6:63; James 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:23.

(c) It is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16), according to His purpose. 2 Tim. 1:9.

Both the Law and the Gospel have their part to perform. The whole Word of God is the great all-inclusive means of grace. (See Topic, Aug. 28).

Suggested Hymns (Luther League Hymnal) 17, 170, 161, 142, 20.

15th Week after Trinity. September 18.
(EPISTLE: COMMUNICATE UNTO HIM THAT TEACHETH.)

The Office of the Ministry.—(Heb 13:16-25.)

Acceptable worship includes loving service and benevolence (ver. 16); also submission to those in authority in the Church (ver. 17). 1 Thess. 5:12, 13.

I. The Office is Divinely Appointed.—2 Cor. 5:18; Eph. 4:11; John 20:15-22; A. C. Arts. V. and XIV. It is more than any trade, calling or profession. "Happy the people who convert the pastor's awful burden of watching over them into a spring of joy."—Wolf.

It is not a priesthood, but an office belonging to the Church. Acts 14:23; 2 Tim. 2:2; Titus 1:5.

The call to the ministry is primarily Divine, but through human means.

II. "To Preach the Word and Administer the Sacraments is the whole duty of the office."—Graul. 1 Tim. 4:11, 16; 2 Tim. 4:1, 2; Titus 1:9; 2:1; Rev. 22:18, 19.

He must administer the sacraments in exact accordance with God's Word, and in no other way.

III. Duties of the Congregation.—(a) "Obey them." 1 Thess. 5:12, 13. (b) Yet she must watch that his teachings are scriptural (Acts 17:11). (c) To give loyal support. (d) To pray for them.

"The gospel ministry, a theme worthy the pen of an angel; an office, the highest of all on earth; with duties, prerogatives, responsibilities, trials, encouragements, rewards, all linking it with the life of its Divine Author, and reaching over into eternity ! "—Hay.

Suggested Hymns (Luther League Hymnal) 67, 135, 49, 205, 140.

16th Week after Trinity. September 25.
(EPISTLE: THE INDWELLING CHRIST.)

The Presence in the Lord's Supper.—(1 Cor. 11:23-30.)

I. Fact.—An extraordinary presence, not the ordinary (Matt. 28:20); nor that by means of the Spirit; nor yet the indwelling Christ (Eph. 3:17); but a presence of the glorified Christ in His whole person in the sacrament itself.

It is real. Not imaginary, representative, figurative.

II. Its Proof.—

(a) The distinct assertion of our Lord, "This is," etc. Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19, 20. We must accept His words according to their plain, natural meaning. "One jot of His word is of more value than all human reason united."—Morris.

(b) The Sacrament is Christ's last will and testament; has the force and authority of such a document, in which figurative language has no place.

(c) Harmony of the Evangelists and St. Paul. All use exactly the same words, "This is my body," etc.

(d) The passage. 1 Cor. 10:16. Here St. Paul states the fact of the Real Presence so plainly that honest minds cannot fail to understand.

(e) The fearful condemnation resting upon all unworthy partakers. 1 Cor. 11:27, 29.

III. Manner.—How is Christ present ?

(a) Not by transubstantiation, *i. e.*, that the elements are actually converted into the flesh and blood of Christ, and ever afterward remain the "Body of God."

(b) Not by consubstantiation, a mingling or fusion of the heavenly with the earthly elements.

(c) While the bread remains bread and the wine remains wine, Christ is really present in the Sacrament, in a supersensible, supernatural, incomprehensible, divine way, and is communicated to all participants.

The Real Presence is above reason, a mystery, but no greater mystery than the Trinity or the Incarnation. Believe it, reader, be grateful for this incomparable gift of Himself.

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